

BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION FULL BOARD OF FORESTRY MEETING

Sacramento, CA
MARCH 7, 2012

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stan Dixon, Chairman
Bruce Saito
Mark Andre
Jim Ostrowski
Susan Britting
J. Keith Gillless
Mike Miles
Richard Wade

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS ABSENT:

BOARD STAFF:

George Gentry, Executive Officer
Eric Huff, Regulations Coordinator
Linda Cano, Executive Assistant

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:

Ken Pimlott, Director

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dixon called the March 7, 2012 meeting of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deferred to April

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Executive Officer Gentry, Chairman Dixon and PFEC Chair Ferrier interviewed candidates for the PFEC Licensing Officer position.

The Board's mission is to lead California in developing policies and programs that serve the public interest in environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable management of forest and rangelands, and a fire protection system that protects and serves the people of the state.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – Ken Pimlott

- Governor has appointed Janet Barentson as Chief Deputy Director, CAL FIRE, and Mike Richwine as Assistant State Fire Marshal.
- Fire activity is above normal for January and February. There have been 418 fires since January 1st, which is twice the 5 year average. CAL FIRE is putting on staffing patterns and is relying on local government and Federal partners to assist. Based on forecast weather patterns CAL FIRE is moving forward with Administration to staff a month to six weeks early, particularly in Southern California.
- Due to budget cuts CAL FIRE has reduced year around staffing in Southern California, they have reduced from 20 engines to 8.
- CAL FIRE attended the Budget Hearings with Senate sub committee to discuss budget items and the process. There are no new deductions for 2012; a 60 million trigger cut is contingent on the passage of the Tax Initiative in November.
- CAL FIRE reached a milestone with the Cal Mapper program data base which allows for sharing of fuels treatment information.
- Bill Snyder has been involved with on going discussions with Resource Agencies, Julia Levin, concerning bio-mass and fuels treatment in working with the Public Utilities Commission.
- The Governor's office has completed its information gathering on timber harvesting reform. CAL FIRE is working with the administration on a policy decision and where the Governor wishes to go with it.
- Memorandum of Understanding between CAL FIRE and the Forestry Association, CAL FIRE has been working on implementing the provisions with in the MOU. The department will continue to evaluate the MOU this next year and will report back to the Board and the Legislature on the impacts it's had.

REPORT OF THE REGULATIONS COORDINATOR – Eric Huff

No report

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dr. Richard Harris is putting on a series of webinars related to roads. Co-sponsoring will be the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection along with numerous agencies. Three sessions are being considered, tentative dates are May 7, 14 and 21.

Session I: road rules, hydrological and water quality impacts, geological constraints on road design and operations, by Richard Harris, Drew Coe, and Michael Wopat.

Session II: Effects of roads on wildlife by Sandra Jacobson. Roads and exotic species by Jodie ??

Session III: still being considered.

Forest Practice – Mark Andre

No Action items

Comment period is still open for the Road Rules package.

A presentation on Battle Creek by Pete Cafferata and Clay Brandow was made at the Forest Practice meeting on possible changes to Class II L's.

Resource Protection – Bruce Saito

No Action Items

Thanked Janet Barentson for the SRA PowerPoint presentation made at the RPC meeting.

George Gentry will schedule three SRA public meetings within the next two months. He will update Board members of the dates and locations.

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

FOREST PEST COUNCIL

Deferred

CALIFORNIA OAK MORTALITY TASK FORCE (COMTF) – Mark Stanley

See Report

MONITORING STUDY GROUP – Pete Cafferata

See Report

RESEARCH AND SCIENCE COMMITTEE – George Gentry

- George Gentry reported on the February 24, meeting held in Davis.
- Mr. Gentry, Dr. Standiford and Dan Porter are currently working on a draft of how to go about outlining the strategic research plan for JDSF. The draft will be sent to the Research and Science committee members for their review and input.
- How an adaptive management process might work in California.
- Washington model of Timber Fish and Wildlife program and how it may be adapted for California.
- Required report of the Board and Fire Protection to the Legislature on forest research.
- Work plan for the next 12 months.
- Research and Science Committee is planning a couple of webinars in the next year.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS COMMITTEE

George Gentry asked Steve Horner to serve as a liaison to the committee on Criminal Trespass.

RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RMAC)

No Report

PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS EXAMINING COMMITTEE (PFEC)

PFEC met February 23 to discuss new applications upcoming exam in spring and to review the draft exam. There are a total of 31 applicants for the RPF exam and one applicant for the CRM exam. Licensing News publication has been distributed by mail, electronically and has been posted on the Board website.

The following Registered Professional Forester's have been "Lost in the Woods."

Noel Ivar Olsen	RPF 429
James William Timmons	RPF 1181
Harold F. Sebring	RPF 1247

The Office of Professional Foresters Registration notes the **RECENT PASSING** of the following:

Mr. Sherman James Finch	RPF 190
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There are 1232 valid RPF's and 77 valid CRM's.

There are 153 withdrawn RPF's and three withdrawn CRM's.

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

Presentation by the Jere Melo Foundation. Madeleine Melo founder.

The Foundation works to educate the community about the need for safety and environmental health in our forest lands and open space on public and private property.

Presentation of the Interagency Forestry Working Group.

Update on Task 1: *Develop and fund activities to reduce the uncertainty in existing State GHG inventory data related to all forests and rangelands including urban forests, and increase the State's*

capacity to collect, manage and create projections with this information over the long-term including an assessment of the impacts from climate change on forest lands. Richard Bode, Air Resources Board.

Update on Task 3: Define sustainable woody biomass utilization for the Low Carbon Fuel Standard being developed by ARB and CEC, and assist in developing and/or identifying a project that could be funded with AB 118 funding in cooperation with CEC. Bill Kinney, California Energy Commission

Presentation: Response to Management Strategies in Young-Growth Giant Sequoia Stands at Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest – Twenty Years After Treatment.

Joshua D. Soderlund and Dr. Doug Piirto

Presentation of the 2011 Forestry Challenge. Diane Dealey Neill.

The Forestry Challenge is an environmental stewardship education event for high school students. Students develop a land restoration plan for judging, and must explain how their plans safeguard forest and watershed health. Award recipients were the team from Ponderosa High School.

Consideration of a resolution under 14 CCR § 1573.5. Possible Action Item.

Resolution for the Department to enter into agreement with the Wildlife Conservation Board to fund Forest Legacy Projects for Chalk Mountain and Charles Mountain ranches.

03-12-01 Member Saito moved to approve the Resolution for Chalk Mountain. Member Britting seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

03-12-02 Member Saito moved to approve the Resolution for Charles Mountain. Member Andre seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearing: Emergency Notice for Sudden Oak Death, 2011. Possible Action Item: The Board may adopt regulations. The proposed regulation allows for filing of an Emergency Notice instead of a Timber Harvesting Plan when operations are conducted in accordance with the proposed rule conditions of Section 1052.5, Emergency Notice for Outbreaks of Sudden Oak Death Disease.

03-12-03 Member Ostrowski moved to close public hearing. Member Saito seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

03-12-04 Member Ostrowski moved to adopt final approval of the Emergency Notice for Sudden Oak Death. Member Saito seconded the motion.

Chairman Dixon called for a roll call vote

Ostrowski	Aye
Saito	Aye
Britting	Aye
Andre	Aye
Gilles	Aye
Miles	Aye
Wade	Aye
Dixon	Aye

Motion carried 8-0.

Hearing: Defensible Space, 2011. Possible Action Item: The Board may adopt regulations. The purpose of this regulation is to provide guidance for implementing the defensible space criteria of PRC 4291 (a) and (b) and minimize the spread of fire within a 100 foot zone around a building or structure.

Public Comment

No public comment

03-12-05 Member Andre moved to close public hearing. Member Ostrowski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

03-12-06 Member Ostrowski moved to approve Defensible Space, 2011 regulations including the findings. Member Britting seconded the motion.

Chairman Dixon called for a roll call vote

Ostrowski	Aye
Saito	Aye
Britting	Aye
Andre	Aye
Gilless	Aye
Miles	Aye
Wade	Aye
Dixon	Aye

Motion carried 8-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

Bill Keye, Class II L watercourse language is not poorly worded; it is not being implemented correctly. He appealed to the Board to keep the issue in the forefront. CLFA annual meeting is on March 9, with the topic Global Forestry.

Richard Gienger reiterated his concerns for improving the cumulative impacts assessment.

Eric Carlson, Associated California Loggers (ACL) Redwood Regional Logging Conference in Ukiah March 15-17. ACL have started talks with CAL FIRE on what to do with the Hot Saw fire patrol the temporary regulation was enacted through 2012 fire season. A request has been put forth to extend the temporary regulations for additional two years. ACL is sending a delegation from various organizations to meet in Washington DC. ACL is a sponsor of the Jere Melo foundation; Mr. Carlson expressed his concerns on the criminal trespass issues. There was a detailed Pro Loggers class offered at the Sierra Cascade Logging Conference that included tips on how to deal with those issues.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the March 7, 2012 meeting of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,


George D. Gentry
Executive Officer

ATTEST:


Stan Dixon
Chairman

Copies of the attendance sheets can be obtained from the Board Office.